



European **Walled** Towns

DRAFT Minutes of the 44th Executive Meeting in Derry / Londonderry in Ireland Wednesday 23rd October 2013

Executive members present:

Nigel Brown
Bohling Jan Erik
Paul Versijp
Isabel Pinto
Sezai Ozokutanoglu
Senol Dulger
Vicky Macdonald
Martin Nooijens
Crijns Huibert
Elsa Grilo
Anne Scicluna
Medwyn Jones
Doris Norton
Trevor Hallett
Lawrence Attard
Anthony French
Frank Petter
David Bruce
Bernard Shaw
Margaret Shaw
Victor Sladden
Gabriella Agius
Elaine Caruana
Joseph Spiteri
Matthew Carbonaro

Agenda Items

Agenda Item 1 – President’s Introduction and Welcome

The President, Mr. Joseph Spiteri addressed the members present thanks the host country and asked participants to introduce themselves to the rest of the delegates.



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Agenda Item 2 – Apologies and Correspondence

Apologies:

Croatia – Biserka Simatovic

Chester – John Price former president

Bergamo - Mariangela De Grazia

Agenda Item 3 - Additions to the Agenda

3.1 corporate and associate members

Ms Vicky Macdonald put forward items for discussion. These ideas need to be explored and discussed further by the secretariat in conjunction with the treasurer. An email is to be sent to everyone requesting feedback. Opinions are to be fed back to the secretariat via email. The constitution should then be amended accordingly.

3.2 Membership benefits

Mr David Bruce expressed his willingness to draft a short note listing benefits of membership these could include friendship opportunities advantages of tapping eu funds, interacting through website / facebook. Once again an email is to be circulated so that members could list benefits expected from EWT membership. These will be directed to David Bruce for collation.

Agenda Item 4 - Minutes of the Executive Committee held in Capdepera – Palma de Mallorca May 2013

The minutes were unanimously declared accepted. Corrections where made. Ms Doris Norton clarified her position by informing the delegates that she will not be standing down as representative but will stand for another term.

Agenda Item 5 – Membership Update

A list was circulated amongst delegates to write down their personal details. In the meantime Mr Frank Petters will send an updated list to the secretariat of paid members, members who have not paid and new members.

Agenda Item 6 – Legal Registration of European Walled Towns

It was agreed that it is not essential for the constitution to be amended by the AGM. It is up to the president to decide and change accordingly. However a draft will be available by the AGM for members. The constitution will also need to be amended so that in future it will be listed as a plc, thus divesting responsibility from members to the whole association. This was proposed by the Vice President Ms Anne Scicluna and seconded by Medwyn Jones.

Agenda Item 7 – Proposal for a membership token

The president agreed that Ms Erika Schuster proposal of an enamel plaque.



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Agenda Item 8 – Website News

Matthew Carbonaro – Communications Officer updated members present with the latest developments of Web-site and Facebook page. It was recommended should actively participate by posting news from their respective towns. All members should send the secretariat latest photos, and videos for the you-tube channel. David Bruce commented that navigation of web-site remains difficult and requested information on daily / monthly hits. This data should be reported through every AGM.

Agenda Item 9 – Future Symposia and future executive meetings and appointment of committee for criteria.

Hosting towns should ideally be located in an area which has an intrinsic potential to attract more members to the organisation. A formal invitation should be sent out by the secretariat and a selection process will ensue.

The next executive meeting will be held in Narva – Estonia in May.

David Bruce recommended that the 25th Anniversary will be commemorated by special events.

Agenda Item 10 – Any other business

The president Mr Joseph Spiteri put forward a proposal for the EWT account to be transferred in Malta. An annual budget for the secretariat is to be agreed between the President and the Treasurer

Agenda Item 11 – Any other business

Meeting was deemed closed by the president Mr Joseph Spiteri due to time constraints.